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Dear Sir:

I am very concerned about my sister and her family and was advised to write you. My sister, [redacted] her husband, [redacted] and their two children [redacted] went to South America the latter part of July last year with their church, People's Temple, under a Pastor Jim Jones. They had moved to San Francisco from Houston just to be with their church. They supposedly left for South America on a Missionary Trip and would return to the states in a couple of months as was told to me by someone from the church after I had called to find out where they were.

Her letters have been few and non informative, not at all like my sister, she says nothing about what she's doing there or when she'll return. She answers none of my questions, it's like they can only say certain things. This vagueness is not like my sister, especially when she knows I would worry under the strange circumstances that she left.

I have began to think that her letters are not really hers and that she doesn't get mine. Her mail is through a church post office box. I received a letter supposedly from my niece [redacted] in which she made the statement" don't forget Terry and I have lots of friends". I assumed she was referring to her brother and his name is [redacted] I have been trying to shake this feeling of fear I have for them, but I know something is wrong.

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Earlier this year in April, my father received a letter for my sister from the United States Senate, Foreign Relations Department, it was in answer to a letter written by my sister concerning assistance for Guyana, this was very strange because the letter came to my father's residence and my sister hasn't lived there since she's been married about 11 years ago plus it came in her maiden name. I should have written then.

About two months ago I wrote her telling her some very important news about myself and sent some packages for the children. I received a letter from her last week in which she said nothing about the news nor the packages. Something is wrong.

Could you please check to see if she and her family are alright. I feel she has gotten into something she can't get out of. My sister and I Have no other sisters and brothers and are very, very close and what has been happening is not like her. I have even asked her to call collect so I could talk with her and stop my worrying, she hasn't done it.

I trust this will be handled in a discreet way because I would hate to make matters worse, if she is in trouble. I only want her to be alright and acting on her own will. If you cannot help me, then please refer me to the right department. [redacted]

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